- Kosi – Gahagra link, Gandak – Ganga link,
- Jogighopa – Tista – Farakka link

(ii) The works for preparation of detailed Project Report (DPR) of Ken - Betwa link project was taken up in 2006 and is planned to be completed by December, 2008.

(iii) During 2008, the Government of Gujarat and Maharashtra have conveyed their concurrence to Union Government on Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for taking up the work of Preparation of Detailed Project Report of two links namely Par-Tapi-Narmada and Damanganga-Pinjal.

Linking of rivers

†449. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'River Linking Plan' is not being properly implemented due to mutual disputes among several States;

(b) if so, the details of such disputes due to which project is being hampered;

(c) the number of links and the details of phases of projects at which the work is going on at present;

(d) whether any scheme is being formulated by the Centre in order to resolve the disputes among States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a), (b), (d) and (e) The implementation of Inter linking of rivers programmes in the country depends upon the consensus and Cooperation of the concerned States and agreement with the neighboring countries. The major apprehensions of the States on this programme are:

1. about disturbing the existing allocation as per awards for fresh agreements on NWDA proposals.
2. that the link proposals may have adverse effects on the existing irrigation and power requirements.
3. about the requirement of power to lift waters as proposed in link proposals.

The Government constituted a group headed by Chairman, Central Water Commission (CWC) and consisting of other officers of CWC, National Water Development Agency (NWDA) and Secretaries of Irrigation / Water Resources Departments from the concerned States in June, 2002 to discuss with the States the issues for arriving at a consensus regarding sharing of surplus water and preparation of Details Project Reports (DPR) by NWDA. Five links namely (i) Ken-Betwa, (ii) Parbati-Kalisindh - Chambal, (iii) Damanganga - Pinjal, (iv) Par - Tapi - Narmada and (v) Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijayawada) have been identified as priority links in this regard. The Group has help 9 meetings on these priority links.

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Based on the efforts made by this Group, Ministry of Water Resources and NWDA, a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of India and concerned States of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh was signed on 25.8.2005 for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for one priority link viz. Ken - Betwa under Peninsular Component. The work of preparation of this DPR has been taken up by NWDA which is planned to be completed by December, 2008.

Further, the Government of Maharashtra and Government of Gujarat have conveyed their concurrence on MoU for preparation of DPR of another two priority links namely Par - Tapi - Narmada and Damanganga - Pinjal.

(c) At present the work of Interlinking of rivers programme is at the stage of preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs) / Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). Link-wise status is given in the Statement.

Statement

Present Status of Water Transfer Links Identified under National Perspective Plan

Peninsular Rivers Development Component

1.	Mahanadi (Manibhadra) - Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link	- FR completed
2.	Godavari (Polavaram) - Krishna (Vijayawada) link*	- FR completed
3.	Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Pulichinatala) link	- FR completed
4.	Godavari (Inchampalli) - Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link	- FR completed
5.	Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) - Pennar (Somasila) link	- FR completed
6.	Krishna (Srisailam) - Pennar link	- FR completed
7.	Krishna (Almatti) - Pennar link	- FR completed
8.	Pennar (Somasila) - Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link	- FR completed
9.	Cauvery (Kattalai) - Vaigai - Gundar link	- FR completed
10.	Parbati - Kalisindh - Chambal link*	- FR completed
11.	Damanganga - Pinjal link*	- FR completed
12.	Par - Tapi - Narmada link*	- FR completed
13.	Ken - Betwa link*	- DPR taken up
14.	Pamba - Achankovil - Vaippar link	- FR completed
15.	Netravati - Hemavati Link	- PFR completed
16.	Bedti - Varda link	- FR taken up

Himalayan Rivers Development Component

1.	Kosi-Mechi link	- FR taken up
2.	Kosi-Ghaghra link	- FR taken up
3.	Gandak-Ganga link	- FR taken up

4.	Ghaghra-Yamuna link	- FR Completed (for Indian portion)
5.	Sarda-Yamuna link	- FR Completed (for Indian portion)
6.	Yamuna-Rajasthan link	- FR taken up
7.	Rajasthan-Sabarmati link	- FR taken up
8.	Chunar-Sone Barrage link	- FR taken up
9.	Sone Dam - Southern Tributaries of Ganga link	- FR taken up
10.	Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga (M-S-T-G) link	- FR taken up
11.	Jogighopa-Tista-Farakka (Alternate to M-S-T-G) link	- FR taken up
12.	Farakka-Sunderbans link	- FR taken up
13.	Ganga-Damodar-Subernarekha link	- FR taken up
14.	Subernarekha-Madhanadi link	- FR taken up

*Priority links

PFR- Pre-Feasibility Report; FR- Feasibility Report; DPR- Detailed Project Report

Contaminated drinking water

†450. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the 123 countries of the World where large number of people are forced to drink contaminated water, India has been ranked at 121st position whereas our neighbouring countries *i.e.* Bangladesh and Sri Lanka are ranked at 80th and 49th position respectively;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government's thereto; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to provide pure drinking water to all the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Government is not aware of any specific report stating that "out of 123 countries of the World where a large number of people are forced to drink contaminated water, India has been raked at 121st positions whereas our neighbouring countries *i.e.* Bangladesh and Sri Lanka are ranked at 80th and 49th positions respectively". However, several reports have indicated the ranking of various countries on different issues from time to time. In the recently published Human Development Report 2007/2008 of United Nations Development Programme, out of a total of 177 countries, India has been shown at Sl. No. 128, where as Sri Lanka and Bangladesh are shown at Sl. No. 99 and 140 respectively in respect of "water, sanitation and nutritional status". In an earlier United Nations World Water Development

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